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A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBER DERRICK BOAZMAN

**A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF
COVENANT HOUSE GEORGIA TO PROVIDE SHELTER AND
SERVICES TO HOMELESS YOUTH; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Covenant House Georgia opened the doors of its Community Service Center on August 7, 2000, in the Five Point section of downtown Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the Community Service Center provides shelter and services to homeless and at-risk children and youth; and

WHEREAS, these services include crisis counseling and intervention, family reunification, life skill workshops; educational tutoring, and vocational workshops; and

WHEREAS, the Center creates a safe environment and meets the immediate needs of at-risk youth between the ages 14-21 by providing food, clothing and other services; and

WHEREAS, the Center makes every effort to reunite children and youth and keep them connected with their families; and

WHEREAS, Covenant House Georgia is advocating on behalf of suffering youth to raise the awareness in the community about the problem, conflict, and crisis faced by these young people.

WHEREAS, this problem was highlighted by the recent event of the tragic loss of life of young Enestae Keysse, Jr., whose teenage mother and father, Bonita Williams and Enestae Keysse, were homeless and were in need of shelter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that City of Atlanta hereby expresses support for the work of Covenant House Georgia to provide shelter and services to homeless and at-risk youth like Bonita Williams in the City of Atlanta.